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Title: Hydrophobe Associative Polymers and Compositions  
and Methods Employing Them

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DECLARATION

Dear Sir:

This Declaration is filed together with applicants' response to the Office Action (Paper No./Mail Date 13) mailed on September 16, 2004. This Declaration is in support of the amendment to the specification presented in response to the prior Office Action (mailed on January 2, 2004) whereby text formerly incorporated by reference was inserted into the specification of the subject application.

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### **DECLARATION**

I, Peter D. McDermott, attorney of record for applicants in the subject patent application hereby declare that the amendatory materials added to the specification of the subject patent application in applicants' response (mailed on June 24, 2004) to the Office Action mailed on January 2, 2004, specifically, text formerly incorporated by reference, consist of the same such material formerly incorporated by reference in the subject patent application.

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under 18 U.S.C. 1001 and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

Respectfully submitted,  
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